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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/12/08	04/05/08
Broiler/fryer	168,048	166,051
Light hens	1,696	1,644
Heavy hens	1,503	1,471

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD) LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL 479 Head 479 0 Head sltr Comparisons 278 Last Week 0 278 Same week yr ago 156 0 156 To-date/2008 4,321 12 4,333 To-date/2007 2,918 14 2,932

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,040	1,482	3,522
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,925	1,568	3,493
Same week yr ago	1,273	1,422	2,695
To-date/2008	23,747	20,805	44,552
To-date/2007	18,589	18,929	37,518

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	166,456	1,561	1,482	3,043
Avg Wt	5.56	3.46	7.90	5.62
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,207	1,647	1,568	3,215
Same wk yr ago	154,029	1,117	1,422	2,539
Avg Wt	5.43	3.16	7.83	5.78
To-date/2008	2,278,554	19,426	20,793	40,219
To-date/2007	2,187,088	15,671	18,915	34,586

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 167.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.5 million head, or 1.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-08

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	42,812	79,164	27,171	17,309	166,456
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.47	6.87	8.29	5.56
% of total /1	26%	48%	16%	10%	100%
Last week	38,955	74,915	31,296	15,041	160,207
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.44	6.84	8.33	5.59
% of total /1	24%	47%	20%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,932	74,891	25,534	12,672	154,029
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.36	6.79	8.15	5.43
% of total /1	27%	48%	17%	8%	100%
To date/2008	603,054	1,099,027	343,534	232,939	2,278,554
To date/2007	594,493	1,138,356	290,106	164,133	2,187,088

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B HENS) TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,923	2,646	37	25	4,631
Avg Wt	16.26	39.18	28.28	26.96	29.51
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,939	2,660	13	14	4,626
Same wk yr ago	1,865	2,280	11	3	4,159
Avg Wt	16.54	38.11	26.62	45.52	28.41
To-date/2008	26,253	38,308	238	147	64,946
To-date/2007	25,664	34,973	189	55	60,881

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.